CHAPTER 361

(Senate Bill 708)

AN ACT concerning

Health Care Facilities - Property of Residents

FOR the purpose of altering the minimum amount of residents' money that certain health care facilities shall safeguard without depositing the money in an account; and altering the amount of money the facility shall deposit in certain circumstances.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

Article - Health - General Section 19-346(d) Annotated Code of Maryland (1982 Volume and 1983 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Health - General

19-346.

- (d) (1) Each facility shall have adequate safeguards for property of a resident that is entrusted to the facility.
- (2) (i) A facility to which money is entrusted shall deposit the money in an account if the facility cannot keep the money safely.
- (ii) If the facility is operated by a State, county, or municipal agency and one resident entrusts more than \$300 to the facility, the facility shall deposit the amount in excess of \$300.
- (iii) If the facility is operated by a person other than a State, county, or municipal agency and one resident entrusts more than \$100 to the facility, the facility shall deposit the amount in excess of \$100.
- (iv) If the total amount of money that is entrusted to the facility by its residents exceeds $\{\$10\}$ \$50 per resident, the facility shall deposit the amount in excess of [\$10] \$50 per resident or [\$500] \$1,000, whichever is less.
- SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1984.